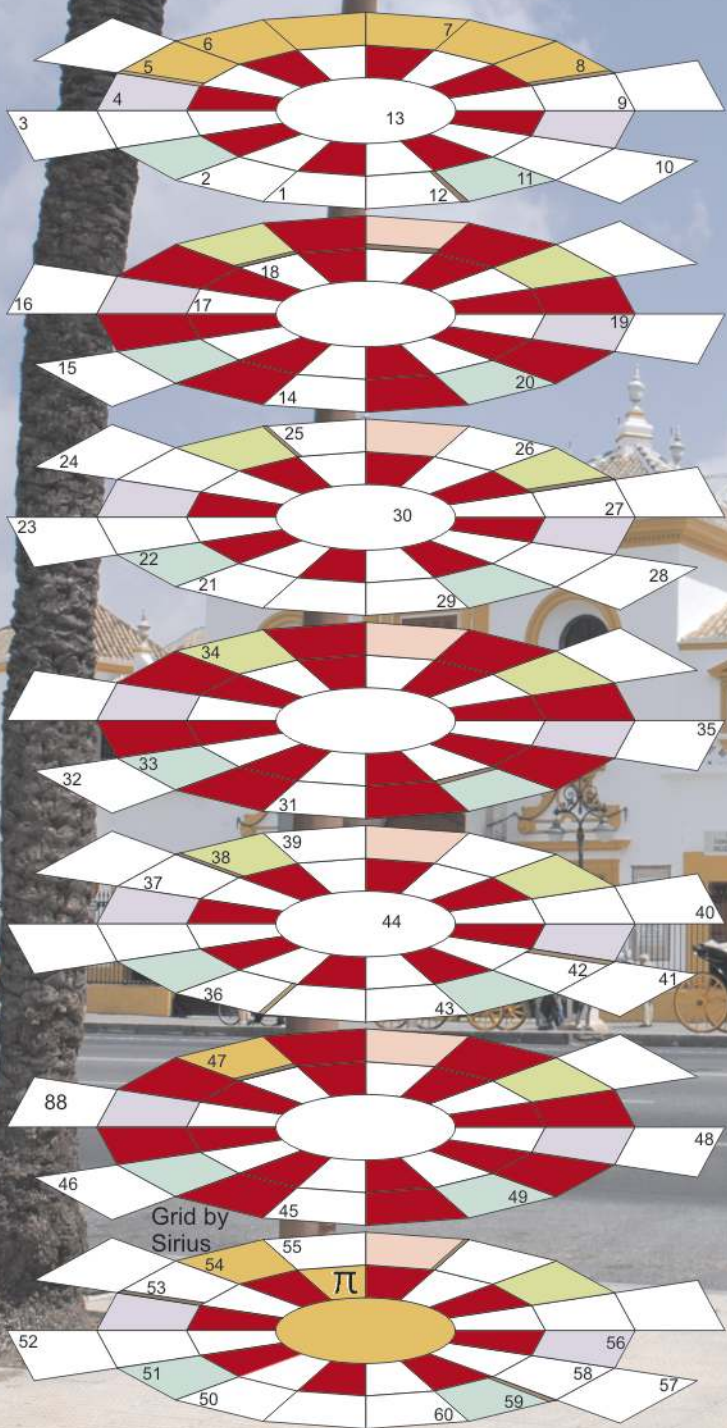


# March 2017 Sirius



Noting a 142<sup>nd</sup> anniversary in six orange cells in the top dial. Fourteen solutions, in seven pairs, belong to two partially related thematic sets indicated by highlighted clues. Six asterisked clues have solutions which do not fit the grid, but their complement does.

An anagram of all ten orange highlighted cells in the grid forms a title linking three solutions. Clues are presented in alphabetical order of their grid entries.



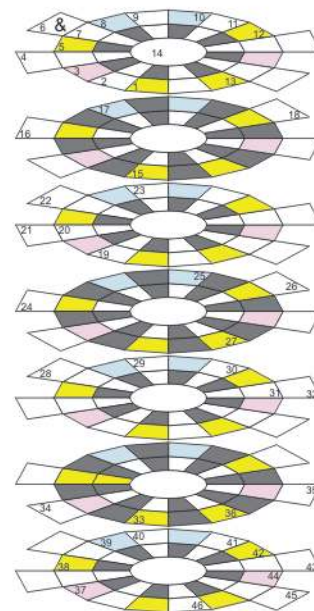
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<p>Highlighted clues: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 26, 27, 31, 39, 43, 50.</p> <p>Highlight 11 refers to the first five letters of 11.</p>	<p>The puzzle is continued later in the calendar.</p>	<p><b>1</b> 6d-5,38C Since a hundred lousy sheep turned back driven by 5 (5,6)</p>	<p><b>2</b> 9C,11d Vehicle with no particular place to go according to 1d-5 (10)</p>	<p><b>3</b> 18di,26C-2 Bruce in tights providing personal service to British officer (6)</p>	<p><b>4</b> 18di,20d 3's ride beat limbo dancing (9)</p>	<p><b>5</b> 32di Slaves who stick together with Pierce, Sean and Roger? (7)</p>
<p><b>6</b> 31di Trainee officer takes part in replica detox drill (5)</p>	<p><b>7</b> 5C What Geneviève's chap composed to Prosper? (6)</p>	<p><b>8</b> 57di This insolence from Tessa we hear, making suggestion of some intimacy (5,2)</p>	<p><b>9</b> 50di 27's revolutionary five? Yes! (5)</p>	<p><b>10</b> 57,58antiC,57,58antiC,53C,53C Show notes to big noises (misreported by naughty boys!) (6,6,4,4)</p>	<p><b>11</b> 1d (Highlight refers to 1d-5) Berry will reportedly go down with a laugh (7)</p>	<p><b>12</b> 35di Undercarriage protection on Grand Prix Surtees cars (7)</p>
<p><b>13</b> 42C*(4) I am driven animatedly mad - <i>Mince à Menthe</i>. Ah! (3,4,7)</p>	<p><b>14</b> 23di Retire (having last word) to premier feather mattress (4-3)</p>	<p><b>15</b> 41di Duane spilling gin, swirling in liquid motion (7)</p>	<p><b>16</b> 59C Accessory in some Seats eg one in 32di-4's 1, giving assistance for passenger exit (7)</p>	<p><b>17</b> 27C-4 So (going back a bit) that's the sign of happy motoring (4)</p>	<p><b>18</b> 14di Little Plum's very old car (4)</p>	<p><b>19</b> 60di,55C-2 Driving off road to wow American with less smelly game of table tennis (7) <a href="#">Wikipedia</a></p>
<p><b>20</b> 3di About time! Large bird found in the Baltics (7)</p>	<p><b>21</b> 2di One might hold back a flood of conscripted soldiers we hear (5)</p>	<p><b>22</b> 45di Compare setter after fifty with Barbie's boyfriend (5)</p>	<p><b>23</b> 19d-3:56up-3 Players following score - half-Nelson: Sirius up for it - a little bit charged (3:3)</p>	<p><b>24</b> 49di* (4) Wacky UK gran - such a gasbag - an Engine of State? (8,9)</p>	<p><b>25</b> 24di*(7) Executing tee shot Mary (in C) bursts into song (7,2,2,3)</p>	<p><b>26</b> 15di Malcolm and re-training Merl can represent 43's team (7)</p>
<p><b>27</b> 12C Donald in short is a Scot generally fit and healthy (6)</p>	<p><b>28</b> 29di* (5) Irishman's American dance at Scottish church (5,7)</p>	<p><b>29</b> 12di Rover heading off following motorway. Not a shaker (5)</p>	<p><b>30</b> 39di,43C-2 Trump? <i>Just One Look</i> shows this US hazard symbol: crazy year caught up in filth (2,4)</p>	<p><b>31</b> 7d,17di Wilson's baby making hoarse sound before sudden emission (7,5)</p>	<p><b>32</b> 16di Old teachers recognised friend through the nose (7)</p>	<p><b>33</b> 4d-6 "No!" Hamish might say turning pale: word in French test (3:3)</p>
<p><b>34</b> 8d Newcastle - symbol of light?: catch practice for batsmen: races to heart of letter (2:3:2)</p>	<p><b>35</b> 30di,25C Japanese make Granny-Tours round ship with extra number one accommodation (6)</p>	<p><b>36</b> <sup>Wikipedia</sup> 37antiC Tune played about love and French bag with herbs (5)</p>	<p><b>37</b> 52di 'Vet Only' convertible would be a new thing (7)</p>	<p><b>38</b> 34di,20d Eg 41's former familiar aged phone (10)</p>	<p><b>39</b> 46di "Don't __!" heard from many a parent. "Na, na na, na na" he 'refrained' (7)</p>	<p><b>40</b> 40di-4 Button-hole with hint of Yak describes such coniferous scent (4)</p>



## Sources of words

The primary source for words in our solutions is The Chambers Standard Reference Dictionary. After this the online One Look Dictionary is used. This is a large collection of different dictionaries that does not include Chambers. It is always possible to Google our words. Both the on-line Chambers Word Wizard and One Look Dictionary have partial word searches where you can enter incomplete words and see what other words fit the pattern. This is very useful, particularly with more obscure words.

When a word is not found in Chambers we try to indicate this by the side of the clue. You will see occasional yellow tags which indicate the source when it is something other than Chambers. This does not apply to proper nouns. Names of people and places etc do not require a source to be given. They will often relate to the theme of a puzzle where solvers will enjoy doing some research.



## The March 'Seven Dials' Puzzle

Clues directed di are diametric and run from the number indicated on one side of a dial through the centre to the other side of the dial. Clues directed C are circular, running from the number around the dial in a clockwise direction. On occasions, antiC indicates an anti-clockwise direction. Clues directed d have conventional down solutions. Those directed 'up' start from a number at the bottom and run upwards. When a solution contains unrelated words, their clues are separated with a colon and have separate indications of number of letters. In a similar way the September puzzle has clockwise and anti-clockwise solutions, labelled C and aC respectively.

### Alphabetical order

Usually puzzles are presented with clues in alphabetical order of their solutions. The order is judged by the **first word** in the solution.

## March Sirius continued.

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
<p>41 48di* (6,2)</p> <p>Onassis guns to a hundred (6,8)</p>	<p>42 28,29antiC-4* (1.4)</p> <p>7's companion whose potty mate is Bill we hear? (8-4)</p>	<p>43 21di</p> <p>Anne's back with 26 (5)</p>	<p>44 21C</p> <p>Unfortunately Lot was finding it difficult to pick up (4,2)</p>	<p>45 21C-4,44di left, 7d,23di-4</p> <p>39's calming advice to 31 (4,4,7,4)</p>	<p>46 10di</p> <p>Earl with odd settee that might get up your nose so to speak (7)</p>	<p>47 21antiC-4</p> <p>Wrestling with awkward mouse when bottom parted (4)</p>
<p>48 51up-4,33di-2: 22up Attach formal wear: Sweet Italian dropping party for low carbon economy (3,2:3)</p>	<p>49 36di</p> <p>Burst front right tyre if I'm sound judge? (5)</p>	<p>50 13d</p> <p>10's driver picking up Flemish artist (3,4)</p>				